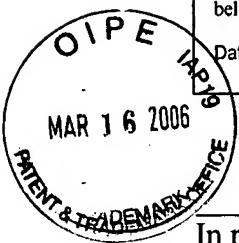


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Request for Continued Examiner and preliminary amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated November 16, 2005 (Paper No. 20051110) and Advisory Action dated February 10, 2006 (Paper No. 20060131), for which a response was due on February 16, 2006. Filed herewith are a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to March 16, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.